Containerized Bioinformatics Ecosystem for HPC

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Rationale

- Purdue RCAC have to manage multiple production systems, including 6 community clusters and ACCESS Anvil.

- Purdue has a large number of biological researchers studying various areas, such as agriculture, ecology, animal science, health science, etc.
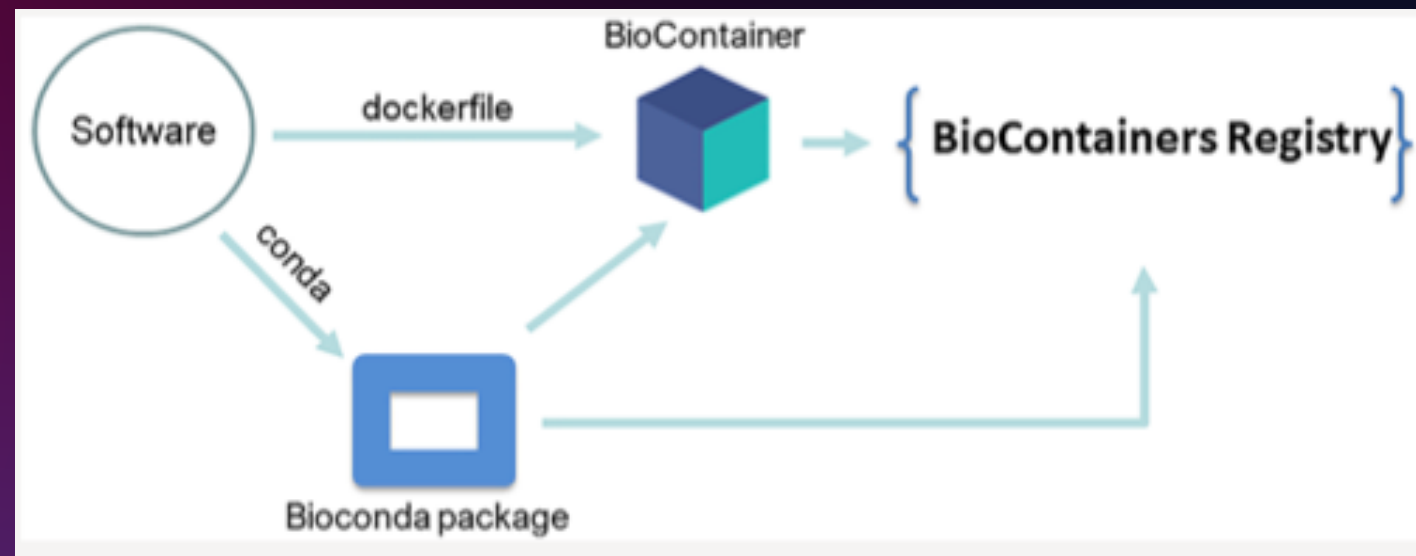
```
zhan4429@bell-fe00:~ $ module load trinity/2.12.0
Lmod has detected the following error:  /depot/bioinfo/apps/modules/blast/2.2.26: (blast/2.2.26): child process exited abnormally
While processing the following module(s):
    Module fullname        Module Filename
    ---------------        ---------------
    blast/2.2.26           /depot/bioinfo/apps/modules/blast/2.2.26
    seqclean/2011-02-22    /depot/bioinfo/apps/modules/seqclean/2011-02-22
    PASA/r20140417         /depot/bioinfo/apps/modules/PASA/r20140417
    trinity/2.12.0         /depot/bioinfo/apps/modules/trinity/2.12.0
```

An easy and reliable approach to manage a large stack of bioinformatics applications is urgently needed.

BioContainers

BIOCONDA®

- BioContainers is integrated with Bioconda, which is the conda channel for bioinformatics applications.
- BioContainers registry is the largest registry for bioinformatics applications.
- As of today, BioContainers provides containers for over 10 thousand bioinformatics applications.

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NGC container environment modules

NGC container environment modules are lightweight wrappers that make it possible to transparently use NGC containers as environment modules.

1. Allow HPC users to utilize familiar environment module commands.
2. Leverage all the benefits of containers, including portability and reproducibility.
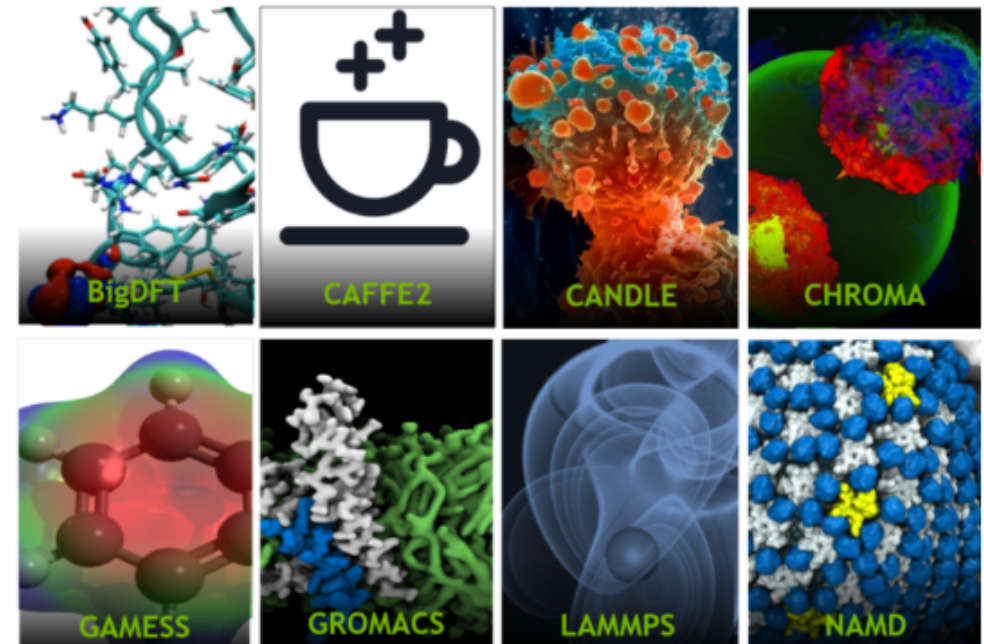
https://github.com/NVIDIA/ngc-container-environment-modules

Pull/build, test before deployment

Search applications from public registries → **Failure** → Build our own container images

↓ **Success**

Pull container images to one HPC production system

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Generate Lmod modulefiles

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Submit sbatch jobs to test containers — **Failure**

↓ **Success**

Deploy modules to all HPC production systems

Pulling images and generating Lmod modulefiles

1. **bioc_pull2sif.sh**

   - a wrapper around "singularity pull"

   - Outputing image names following the convention set by NGC container environment modules

2. **bioc_pull2mod.sh**

   - Generate Lmod modulefile

3. **bioc_pull_and_module.sh**

   - A wrapper combining the first two scripts

   - Given a container URI, it will pull the container image and generate its modulefile

Special Lmod modulefile setup

1. **Add help/whatis information**

2. **GUI applications:** bind X11 session information in ThinLinc
   - append_path("SINGULARITY_BIND", "/var/opt", ",")
   - append_path("SINGULARITY_BIND", "/run/user", ",")

3. **Environment variables:** environment variables associated with location to database or config files
   - pushenv("NAME", "value")   ## set variable in host
   - pushenv("SINGULARITYENV_NAME", "value") ## set variable inside container

4. **Adding executable path to PATH**
   - pushenv("SINGULARITYENV_PREPEND_PATH", "/path/to/pkg/bin")

5. **Bind paths**: bind database or config files
   - append_path("SINGULARITY_BIND", "hostdir:containerdir", ",")

Testing modules before deployment

```
[zhan4429@bell-fe02:~ $ singularity exec abacas_1.3.1--pl5321hdfd78af_2.sif abacas.pl -r ref.fasta -q query.fasta -p nucmer

*****************************************************************
* ABACAS: Algorithm Based Automatic Contiguation of Assembled Sequences          *
*                                                                *
*                                                                *
*   Copyright (C) 2008-10 The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Cambridge, UK.     *
*   All Rights Reserved.                                         *
*                                                                *
*****************************************************************

#  Checking user options:
#       -r Reference=ref.fasta
#       -q Query=query.fasta
#       -p nucmer
#       -d 0 use sensitive mapping in nucmer i.e. --maxmatch
#       Input checking done!!
PREPARING DATA FOR    nucmer
delta-filter: error while loading shared libraries: libstdc++.so.6: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
show-tiling: error while loading shared libraries: libstdc++.so.6: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
Use of uninitialized value in addition (+) at /usr/local/bin/abacas.pl line 1001.
```

Missing libraries

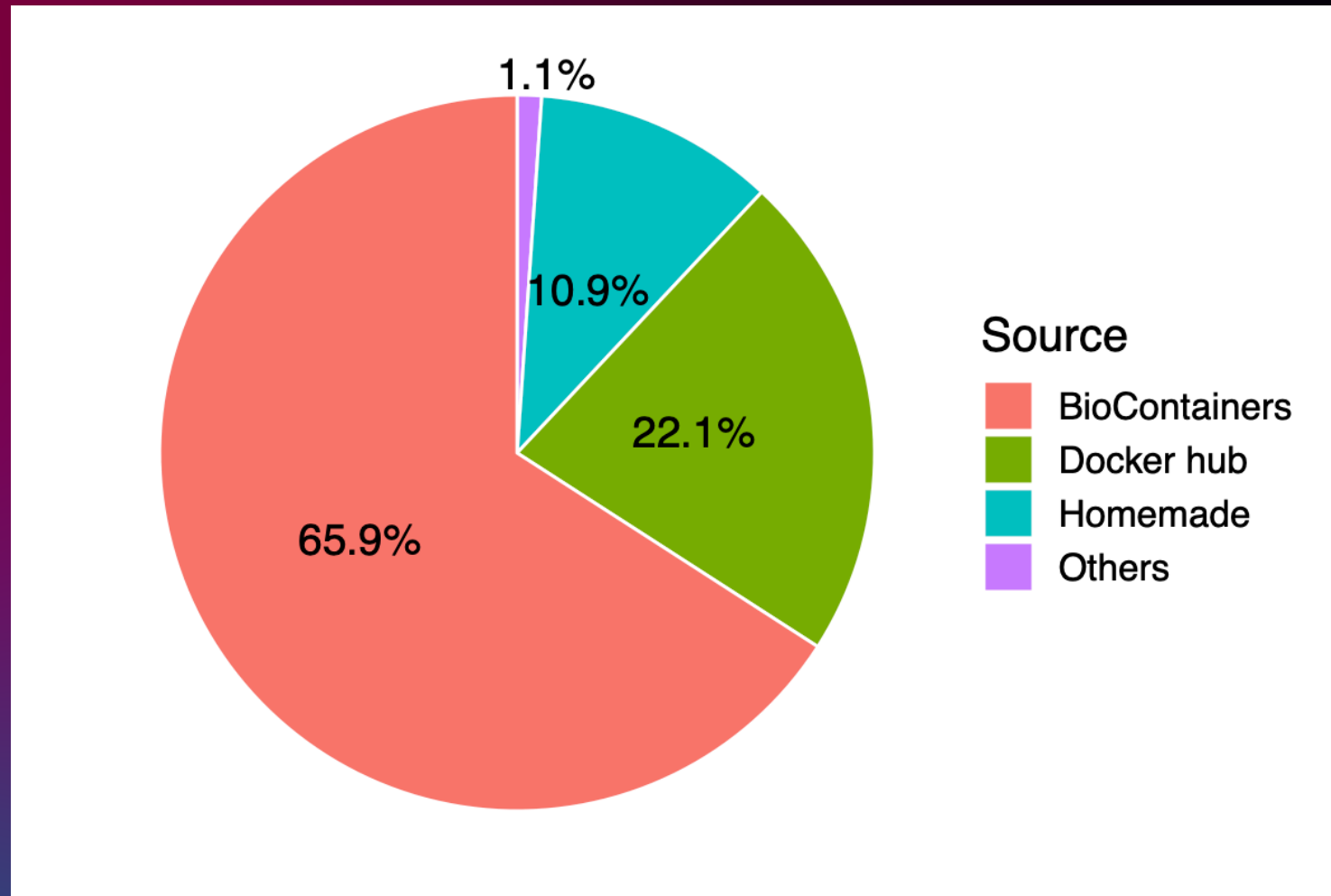Running analysis with real-world datasets is the only reliable way to make sure applications work as expected.

600 modules for 500 applications


```
------------------------------------------------------------------------- BioContainers collection modules --------------------------------------------------------------------------
abacas/1.3.1                circexplorer2/2.3.8         hap.py/0.3.9                    nextclade/1.10.3               scvi-tools/0.16.2
abismal/3.0.0               circlator/1.5.5             helen/1.0                      nextflow/21.10.0              seidr/0.14.2
abricate/1.0.1              circompara2/0.1.2.1         hicexplorer/3.7.2              ngs-bits/2022_04             sepp/4.5.1
abyss/2.3.2                 circos/0.69.8               hifiasm/0.16.0                 ngsutils/0.5.9               seqkit/2.0.0
abyss/2.3.4          (D)    ciriquant/1.1.2             hisat2/2.2.1                   orthofinder/2.5.2            seqkit/2.1.0          (D)
actc/0.2.0                  clair3/0.1-r11              hmmer/3.3.2                    orthofinder/2.5.4     (D)    seqyclean/1.10.09
advntr/1.4.0                clair3/0.1-r12       (D)    homer/4.11                     paml/4.9                     shasta/0.10.0
afplot/0.2.1                clairvoyante/1.02           how_are_we_stranded_here/1.0.1 panacota/1.3.1               shigeifinder/1.3.2
afterqc/0.9.7               clearcnv/0.306              htseq/0.13.5                   panaroo/1.2.10               shorah/1.99.2
agat/0.8.1                  clever-toolkit/2.4          htseq/1.99.2                   pandaseq/2.11                shortstack/3.8.5
alfred/0.2.5                clustalw/2.1                htseq/2.0.1            (D)      pandora/0.9.1                shovill/1.1.0
alfred/0.2.6         (D)    cnvkit/0.9.9-py             htslib/1.14                    pangolin/3.1.20              sicer/1.1
alien-hunter/1.7.7          cnvnator/0.4.1              htslib/1.15                    pangolin/4.0.6               sicer2/1.0.3
alignstats/0.9.1            coinfinder/1.2.0            htslib/1.16           (D)      pangolin/4.1.2               sicer2/1.2.0          (D)
allpathslg/52488            concoct/1.1.0               htstream/1.3.3                 pangolin/4.1.3        (D)    signalp4/4.1
alphafold/2.1.1             control-freec/11.6          humann/3.0.0                   panphlan/3.1                 signalp6/6.0-fast
alphafold/2.2.0             cooler/0.8.11               hyphy/2.5.36                   parallel-fastq-dump/0.6.7    signalp6/6.0-slow     (D)
alphafold/2.2.3      (D)    coverm/0.6.1                idba/1.1.3                     parliament2/0.1.11           simug/1.0.0
amptk/1.5.4                 crisprcasfinder/4.2.20      igv/2.11.9                     parsnp/1.6.2                 skewer/0.2.2
ananse/0.4.0                crispresso2/2.2.8           igv/2.12.3            (D)      pbmm2/1.7.0                  slamdunk/0.4.3
anchorwave/1.0.1            crispresso2/2.2.9           impute2/2.3.2                  pbptyper/1.0.4               smoove/0.2.7
angsd/0.935                 crispresso2/2.2.10   (D)    infernal/1.1.4                 pcangsd/1.10                 snakemake/6.8.0
angsd/0.937                 crispritz/2.6.5             instrain/1.5.7                 peakranger/1.18              snap-aligner/2.0.0
angsd/0.939          (D)    cross_match/1.090518        instrain/1.6.3        (D)      pepper_deepvariant/r0.4.1    snap/2013_11_29
annogesic/1.1.0             crossmap/0.6.3              intarna/3.3.1                  perl-bioperl/1.7.2-pl526     snaptools/1.4.8
annovar/2022-01-13          csvtk/0.23.0                interproscan/5.54_87.0         phast/1.5                    snippy/4.6.0
antismash/5.1.2             csvtk/0.25.0         (D)    iqtree/1.6.12                  phd2fasta/0.990622           snp-dists/0.8.2
antismash/6.0.1             cufflinks/2.2.1             iqtree/2.1.2                   phg/1.0                      snp-sites/2.5.1
antismash/6.1.0      (D)    cutadapt/3.4                iqtree/2.2.0_beta     (D)      phrap/1.090518               snpeff/5.1d
anvio/7.0                   cutadapt/3.7         (D)    isoseq3/3.4.0                  phred/0.071220.c             snpeff/5.1            (D)
anvio/7.1_main              cyvcf2/0.30.14              isoseq3/3.7.0         (D)      picard/2.25.1                snpgenie/1.0
anvio/7.1_structure  (D)    dbg2olc/20180222            ivar/1.3.1                     picard/2.26.10        (D)    snphylo/20180901
any2fasta/0.4.2             dbg2olc/20200723     (D)    jcvi/1.2.7                     picrust2/2.4.2               snpsift/4.3.1t
arcs/1.2.4                  deepbgc/0.1.26              kaiju/1.8.2                    picrust2/2.5.0        (D)    soapdenovo2/2.40
asgal/1.1.7                 deepbgc/0.1.30       (D)    kallisto/0.46.2                pilon/1.24                   sortmerna/2.1b
assembly-stats/1.0.1        deepconsensus/0.2.0         kallisto/0.48.0       (D)      pindel/0.2.5b9               sortmerna/4.3.4       (D)
atac-seq-pipeline/2.1.3     deepsignal2/0.1.2           khmer/3.0.0a3                  pirate/1.0.4                 souporcell/2.0
ataqv/1.3.0                 deeptools/3.5.1-py          kma/1.4.3                      pixy/1.0.4                   sourmash/4.3.0
atram/2.4.3                 deepvariant/1.0.0           kmc/3.2.1                      plasmidfinder/2.1.6          sourmash/4.5.0        (D)
atropos/1.1.17              deepvariant/1.1.0    (D)    kmer-jellyfish/2.3.0           platypus/0.8.1               spaceranger/1.3.0
atropos/1.1.31       (D)    delly/0.9.1                 kneaddata/0.10.0               plink/1.90b6.21              spaceranger/1.3.1
augur/14.0.0                delly/1.0.3                 kover/2.0.6                    plink2/2.00a2.3              spaceranger/2.0.0     (D)
augur/15.0.0         (D)    delly/1.1.3                 kraken2/2.1.2                  plotsr/0.5.4                 spades/3.15.3
augustus/3.4.0              delly/1.1.5          (D)    krakentools/1.2                pomoxis/0.3.9                spades/3.15.4
augustus/3.5.0       (D)    diamond/2.0.13              lambda/2.0.0                   popscle/0.1b                 spades/3.15.5         (D)
bactopia/2.0.3              diamond/2.0.14              last/1268                      pplacer/1.1.alpha19          sprod/1.0
bali-phy/3.6.0              diamond/2.0.15       (D)    last/1356                      prinseq/0.20.4               squeezemeta/1.5.1
bam-readcount/1.0.0         dnaio/0.8.1                 last/1411             (D)      prodigal/2.6.3               sra-tools/2.11.0-pl5262
bamgineer/1.1               dragonflye/1.0.13           ldsc/1.0.1                     prokka/1.14.6                srst2/0.2.0
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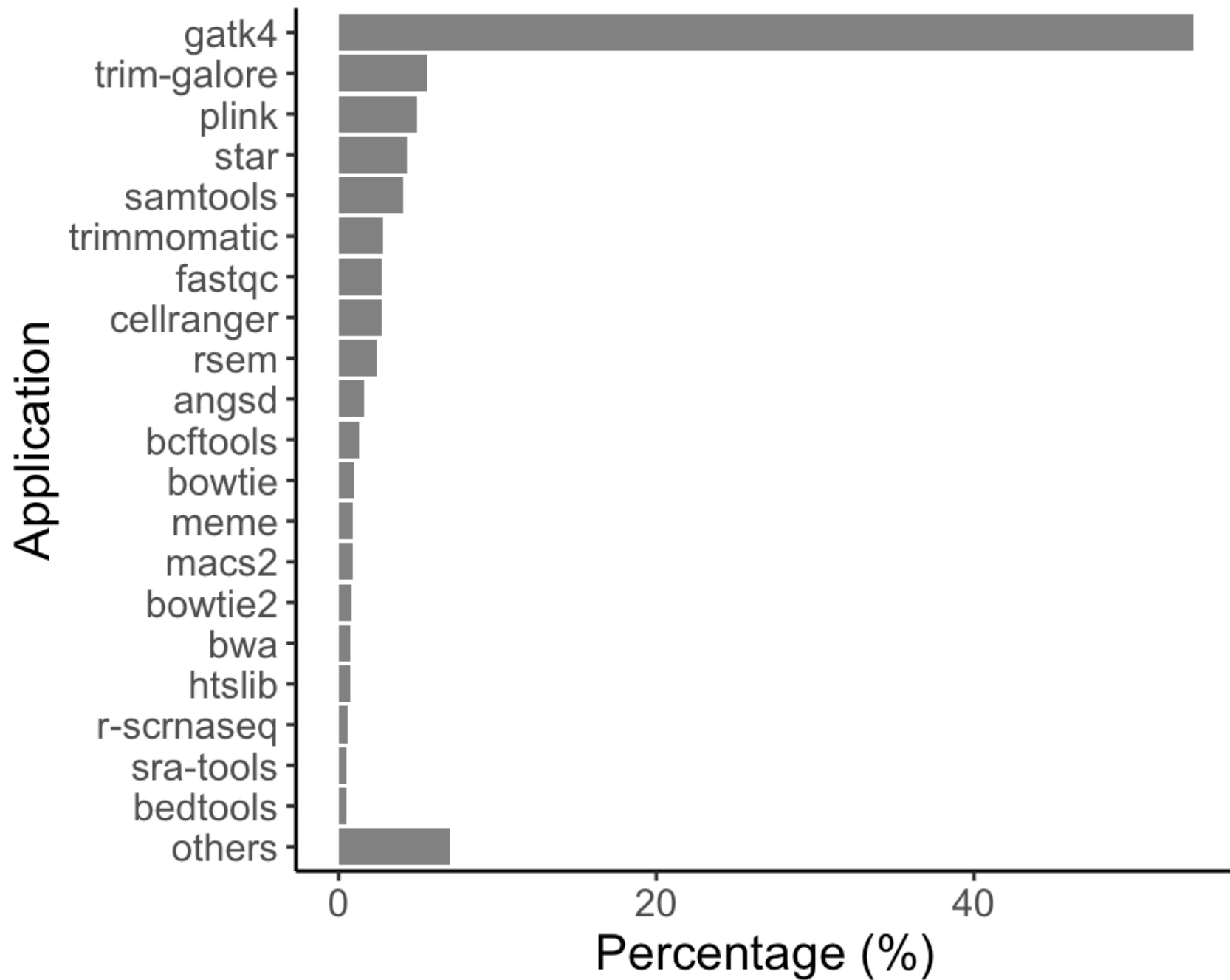
Sources of container images

Bioinformatics applications on HPC

1. **Fewer than 100**: most HPC centers

2. **~1000**: clusters designed for biosciences, e.g. NIH's Biowulf and Cornell's BioHPC

3. **Thousands**: the whole BioContainers project in TACC's clusters

   RollingGantryCrane (https://github.com/TACC/rgc)

Too many is not necessary

Adding Jupyter support

```
Bootstrap: docker
From: quay.io/biocontainers/cellrank:1.5.1--pyhdfd78af_0

%labels
    Author:  Yucheng Zhang  zhan4429@purdue.edu
    Version:      1.5.1


%help
   CellRank with Jupyter support.


%post
   pip install ipython
   pip install ipykernel
```

Hopefully BioContainers developers can install ipython and ipykernel into all python-based container images.

Open OnDemand Jupyter

```json
{
 "argv": [
  "/usr/bin/singularity",
  "exec",
  "/apps/biocontainers/images/cellrank_1.5.1.sif",
  "python",
  "-m",
  "ipykernel_launcher",
  "-f",
  "{connection_file}"
 ],
 "display_name": "Cellrank",
 "language": "python"
}
```

$HOME/.local/share/jupyter/kernels/

Bundle applications into a single container image

With containers, it is easy to install not just a single application, but also bundles and collections of multiple applications working in concert and dedicated to a specific research workflow.

R-RNAseq
Customized R container for RNAseq analysis.

- ComplexHeatmap
- DESeq2
- DEXSeq
- edgeR
- ggrepel
- Limma
- pheatmap
- tidyverse

R-scRNAseq
Customized R container for scRNAseq analysis.

- CoGAPS
- DESeq2
- doSNOW
- DropletUtils
- edgeR
- Limma
- miQC
- monocle
- monocle3
- Nebulosa
- rliger
- scCATCH
- scDblFinder
- SCHNAPPs
- scMappR
- seurat
- seurat-wrappers
- SingleR
- SnapATAC
- SoupX
- tidyverse
- tricycle
- velocyto.R

And more

Open OnDemand

- For bioinformatics applications that use a native graphics user interface (GUI) and that have a large computational or memory footprint, we employ Open OnDemand to allow users to easily allocate appropriate amount of resources and submit jobs through a convenient web interface.

- We create a simple workflow for rapid deployment of containers to Open OnDemand of any cluster.
  1. default_biocontainer_template: a template Open OnDemand application directory for a generic VNC desktop application.
  2. deploy_biocontainer: a helper script that makes a copy of the template directory and performs the necessary substitutions to the relevant files.

Turning containers into OOD aps

With the template directory default_biocontainer_template and the deploy_biocontainer script, we can easily turn container images into Open OnDemand interactive applications using a one-line command:

```
deploy_biocontainer  --name appName \
                      --directory folderName \
                      --image app.sif  \
                      --command launchCommand \
                      default_biocontainer_template
```

```
ENTRY="[Desktop Entry]
Type=Application Name=IGV
Comment=
Exec=/bin/bash -lc \"singularity exec /apps/biocontainers/images/igv_2.12.3.sif igv.sh\"
Path=
Terminal=false
StartupNotify=false
Categories=Cluster"
echo -e "$ENTRY" > "${AUTOSTART}/igv.desktop"
```

A snippet from xfce.sh for the genomic browser IGV

Open OnDemand Applications

Not only bioinformatics

Thank Michael Dickens from Texas A&M University for showing us how to build and run the cryoSPARC container.

Helper command

> **❶ Note**
>
> Since `BRAKER` is a pipeline that trains `AUGUSTUS`, i.e. writes species specific parameter files, BRAKER needs writing access to the configuration directory of AUGUSTUS that contains such files. This installation comes with a stub of AUGUSTUS coniguration files, but you `must` copy them out from the container into a location where you have write permissions.

A helper command `copy_augustus_config` is provided to simplify the task. Follow the procedure below to put the config files in your scratch space:

```
$ mkdir -p $RCAC_SCRATCH/augustus
$ copy_augustus_config $RCAC_SCRATCH/augustus
$ export AUGUSTUS_CONFIG_PATH=$RCAC_SCRATCH/augustus/config
```

> **❶ Warning**
>
> Using `#!/bin/sh -l` as shebang in the slurm job script will cause the failure of some biocontainer modules. Please use `#!/bin/bash` instead.

To run SortMeRNA on our clusters:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -A myallocation       # Allocation name
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -n 1
#SBATCH --job-name=sortmerna
#SBATCH --mail-type=FAIL,BEGIN,END
#SBATCH --error=%x-%J-%u.err
#SBATCH --output=%x-%J-%u.out

module --force purge
ml biocontainers sortmerna

sortmerna --ref silva-bac-16s-id90.fasta,silva-bac-16s-db \
    --reads set2_environmental_study_550_amplicon.fasta \
    --fastx --aligned Test
```

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Abismal
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Advntr
Afplot
Afterqc
Agat
Alfred
Alien-hunter
Alignstats
Allpathslg
Alphafold
Amptk
Ananse
Anchorwave
ANGSD
Annogesic
ANNOVAR
Antismash
Anvio

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RCAC Biocontainers documentation!

This is the user guide for biocontainer modules deployed in Purdue High Performance Computing clusters. More information about our center is avaiable here (https://www.rcac.purdue.edu).

If you have any question, contact me(Yucheng Zhang) at: zhan4429@purdue.edu
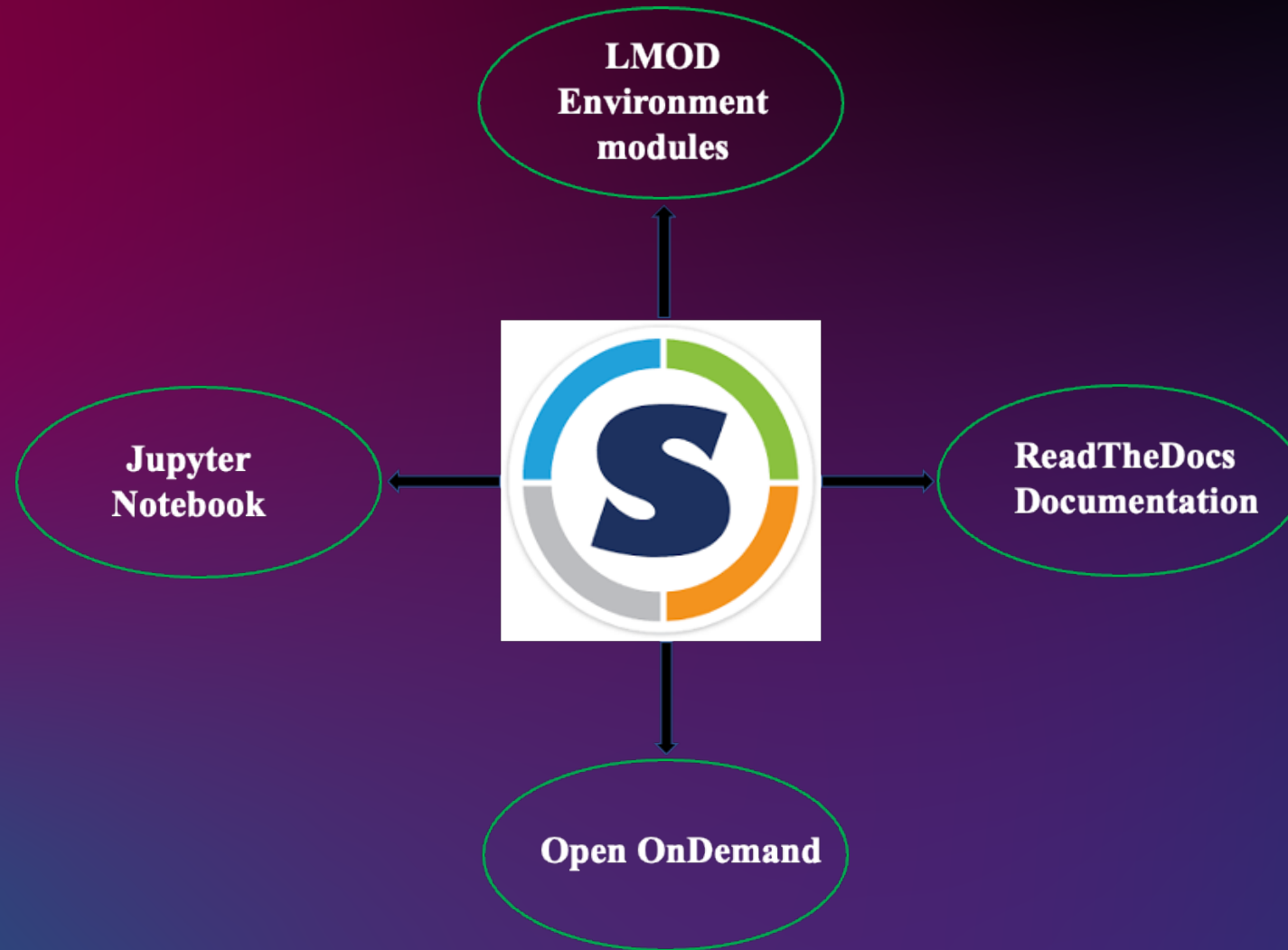
> **❶ Warning**
>
> Do not use both `bioinfo` and `biocontainers` in your job script, because loading `bioinfo` will cause the failure of loading many modules including `biocontainers` in `Brown`, `Halstead`, `Scholar`, `Workbench`, and `Gilbreth`. Since RCAC will not provide support to `bioinfo` in the future clusters, we recommend users to just use `biocontainers`.

https://biocontainer-doc.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Containerized Bioinformatics Ecosystem

Interested in building a similar ecosystem in your center?

Contributions are welcome!

- If you find issues or bugs, please open an issue in the GitHub repository.
- Our goal is to improve the Biocontainer project together with all centers, and we need your ideas and input to keep on improving.
- We welcome any contribution including scripts, modulefiles, definition files, etc.

git clone https://github.com/PurdueRCAC/Biocontainers.git

Thank you!

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